

Business, Transportation & Housing Agency  
Department of Transportation

STIP Amendment 98S-117  
Notice Item  
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**PROPOSED**

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March 1, 2000

**STIP AMENDMENT 98S-117 - NOTICE**

**SUMMARY**

This amendment reduces the programmed amount of federal Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) funds from \$1,230,000 (including State match) to \$652,000 (including State match) and changes scope of the California Coastal Trail at MacKerricher State Park project in Mendocino County from construct bike trail and rehabilitate historic trestle to complete environmental studies and project development for bike trail and historic trestle repair; programs Ukiah streetscape and tree planting project for \$503,000 in federal TEA funds (with \$80,000 local match) in Mendocino County; and returns \$75,000 in remaining State match funds as savings to the State Highway Account.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is requesting this amendment. The Department reviewed this amendment and found it to be consistent with the Commission adopted STIP guidelines and the Commission's Grandfathered TEA program policy.

**RESOLUTION**

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) revise the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30 day notice period as follows:

**Revises:**

Project Information								
County:	CT District:	PPNO:	EA:	Element:	Const Year:	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
Mendocino	01	B9605	001E00	TEA	2000/2001	---	---	---
Project Title:	California Coastal Trail: MacKerricher Haul Road segment							
Sponsor:	California Department of Parks & Recreation							
Resp. Agency:	California Department of Parks & Recreation							
RTPA/CTC:	Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG)							
Location:	In MacKerricher State Park, 4 miles north of Fort Bragg near Cleone							
Description:	<del>Build</del> Bicycle trail on MacKerricher Haul Road, Cleone to Ten Mile River, rehabilitate historic railroad trestle							

STIP Programming – Grandfathered TEA (Dollars in Thousands)								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED				\$400				\$400
PS&E				\$252				\$252
R/W SUP								
CON SUP								
R/W								
CON				1,230				1,230
TOTAL				\$1230				\$1230
				\$652				\$652

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<b>Other – State EE&amp;M (Dollars in Thousands)</b>								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED PS&E R/W SUP CON SUP R/W CON				\$200				\$200
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$200</b>				<b>\$200</b>

<b>Total (Dollars in Thousands)</b>								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED PS&E R/W SUP CON SUP R/W CON				\$400 \$252   \$1230 \$200				\$400 \$252   \$1230 \$200
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1230 \$852</b>				<b>\$1230 \$852</b>

**And Adds:**

<b>Project Information</b>								
County:	CT District:	PPNO:	EA:	Element:	Const Year:	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
<b>Mendocino</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>4068</b>		<b>TEA</b>	<b>2000/2001</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
Project Title:	<b>Ukiah Street Enhancements</b>							
Sponsor:	<b>City of Ukiah</b>							
Resp. Agency:	<b>City of Ukiah</b>							
RTPA/CTC:	<b>Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG)</b>							
Location:	<b>In downtown Ukiah, along State Street corridor (including cross streets)</b>							
Description:	<b>Plant street trees with irrigation, add benches &amp; trash containers, install sidewalk, curb &amp; gutter</b>							

<b>STIP Programming – Grandfathered TEA (Dollars in Thousands)</b>								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED PS&E R/W SUP CON SUP R/W CON				\$503				\$503
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$503</b>				<b>\$503</b>

<b>Other - Local (City) (Dollars in Thousands)</b>								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED PS&E R/W SUP CON SUP R/W CON			\$1 \$10	\$69				\$1 \$10   \$69
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$11</b>	<b>\$69</b>				<b>\$80</b>

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<b>Total (Dollars in Thousands)</b>								
Component	PRIOR	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED			\$1					\$1
PS&E			\$10					\$10
R/W SUP								
CON SUP								
R/W								
CON				\$572				\$572
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$11</b>	<b>\$572</b>				<b>\$583</b>

## **BACKGROUND**

The Department of Parks & Recreation (State Parks) has undertaken a major project to complete an eight-mile gap in the California Coastal Trail, through MacKerricher State Park parallel to Route 1, using an old timber haul road, the historic Pudding Creek railroad trestle, and a boardwalk through a sand dune area. The project was programmed into the STIP for \$750,000 in the first round of the TEA program in August 1993. Environmental challenges, involving rare species, sand dune habitat, and restoration of a historic railroad trestle, all inside a state park, have yielded local and federal agency controversy, driven up the cost of environmental studies, and delayed the project several years, resulting in further deterioration in the condition of the old trestle and increased the project's cost. The Commission approved a STIP amendment to add \$480,000 in additional TEA and state funds to the project, from the deletion of another State Parks' project, in 1998.

State Parks has a \$652,000 environmental and engineering studies contract underway, which will run into the year 2001 and push construction of the project beyond the expiration of the original federal TEA funds in September 2000. State Parks is moving forward to try to complete the project. This amendment would retain \$652,000 of existing TEA funds to cover the current project support contract while releasing the remaining \$578,000 of TEA funds. A letter expressing State Parks' commitment to finish the project by seeking the funds necessary for construction from a future round of the Statewide Transportation Enhancements program, park bond funds, or through its capital budget, is attached.

The Mendocino Council of Governments in October 1999 asked if any TEA funds could become available for additional TEA projects in their county, since they had received attractive candidates beyond the county's TEA share but were reluctant to use regular transportation funds for extra TEA projects. No extra TEA funds were available in Mendocino then, but the delay of State Parks' project frees up TEA funds already included in Mendocino's grandfathered 1996 STIP county share. The City of Ukiah has delivered a streetscape project awaiting funding, and intends to bring the project for a June or July 2000 allocation if this amendment is approved.

The California Coastal Trail project is programmed in the STIP for \$1,000,000 in federal TEA funds plus \$230,000 in state match, which represents a \$100,000 overmatch. The overmatch came from the Department's special interest in this project which was to allow bicycles to bypass a particularly narrow, winding section of Coast Highway 1. If the Commission approves this amendment, thereby retaining the project support funds for the California Coastal Trail project and programming the Ukiah streetscape project, the whole \$1,000,000 of federal TEA funds will be used. With only \$75,000 in excess state match remaining, those state funds should be returned as savings to the State Highway Account.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Location Map



01-Mendocino  
PPNO. B9605

Location: In MacKerricher State Park, four miles north of Fort Bragg near Cleone, and in Ukiah

Description: Construct bicycle trail and rehabilitate historic railroad trestle



## Memorandum

**Date** : March 14, 2000

**To** : Peter Hathaway  
Chief Deputy Director  
California Transportation Commission

**From** : Department Of Parks and Recreation  
Director's Office

**Subject**: MacKerricher Haul Road-TEA Project

As requested, I am providing an update to the memorandum sent to you by Robert Cates on February 4, 2000. Due to requirements for additional environmental studies, the Department realizes that this project cannot move forward to construction in the current year. In December of 1998, the project was rescoped to increase the preliminary engineering allocation to \$652,000 and to decrease the construction funds to \$778,000. With this change, the Department has hired a full-service firm to do Environmental Compliance, including completion of the Section 106 process. The work is underway and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2001.

At this time, the Department desires to keep the funds to complete the preliminary engineering and understands that it must release the construction funds. The Department also understands that it must obligate funds for construction by July 1, 2004 and is committed to meeting this deadline. The Department intends to pursue funding from the Statewide Transportation Enhancements program and other fund sources available to the Department, such as park bonds, once a clear definition of the project and costs is available with the completion of the preliminary engineering phase.

If you have questions or need addition information, please call me at (916) 653-8803.



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